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SUBJ: VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HO YING ON SINO-US RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY: BREAKING HIS NORMAL PATTERN OF GREETING VISITING AFRICAN DIGNITARIES, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HO YING MET WITH NORMAN LEAR AND GROUP OF AMERICAN TV PERSONALITIES AND WRITERS APRIL 13. HO COVERED A BROAD RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, INCLUDING RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, SALT, THE NEUTRON BOMB, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE INDOCHINA SITUATION (REPORTED SEPTTEL). ON SINO-US RELATIONS, HO REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED PATIENCE: "IT IS NOT USEFUL TO BE IMPATIENT, IF THINGS AREN'T RIPE YET." NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE LIBERATION OF TAIWAN NOR "DEBTS" OWED TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE. END SUMMARY.

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2. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HO YING, THE PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY'S RANKING AFRICAN SPECIALIST, BROKE HIS USUAL PATTERN OF RECEIVING VISITING AFRICAN DIGNITARIES BY MEETING WITH A GROUP OF AMERICAN TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND WRITERS LED BY NORMAN LEAR. THE GROUP, INVITED BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION

FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, IS MID-WAY THROUGH A THREE WEEK TOUR OF THE PRC. THEIR PROGRAM HAS INCLUDED EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADING PRC CULTURAL OFFICIALS.

3. HO, IN HIS TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR MEETING WITH THE GROUP, AGGRESSIVELY AND FORCEFULLY REVIEWED PRC POLICY TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, THE SOVIET UNION, AFRICA, EUROPE, SALT, INDOCHINA AND THE UNITED STATES. SEVERAL DELEGATION MEMBERS YWARDED# WITH USLO VIRTUALLY VERBATIM NOTES OF HO'S PRESENTATION ON SINO-US RELATIONS WHICH WENT AS FOLLOWS:

4. HO BEGAN HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY STATING:
"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOUDN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR US HOSTILITY TOWARD CHINA (HE LAUGHED). THAT POLICY IS INCREASINGLY UNPOPULAR AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THAT'S WHY WE HAD THE 1972 SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. THE ISSUANCE OF THAT COMMUNIQUE WAS THE RESULT OF EFFORTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE INCLUDING THOSE PRESENT HERE TODAY. RELATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN NORMALIZED. WE NOW HAVE PARTIAL RELATIONS. NORMALIZED RELATIONS ARE IN THE COMMON INTEREST OF OUR TWO PEOPLES. THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPLES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA, BUT WE HAVE MANY POINTS IN COMMON."
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5. DURING THE DISCUSSION SESSION, SINO-US RELATIONS WERE AGAIN ADDRESSED BY HO: "WE SAY THERE ARE SERIOUS DISPUTES BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE POLAR BEAR IS VERY DANGEROUS, WE MUST JOIN EFFORTS (AS STATED BY INTERPRETER) TO DEAL WITH THE POLAR BEAR. AND WE TELL THE SAME THING TO OUR FRIENDS FROM EUROPE. IT IS A COMMON DESIRE OF OUR TWO PEOPLES TO SEE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES NORMALIZED. IF NOT NOW, WE CAN WAIT AWHILE. IF NOT USEFUL TO BE IMPATIENT, IF THINGS ARE NOT RIPE YET. IT IS MY VIEW THAT SOONER OR LATER, THIS WILL BE RALIZED. IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME. THE UNITED STATES MUST SEVER ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN, WITHDRAW ALL ITS FORCES, AND ABROGATE THE DEFENSE TREATY. SHOULD THERE STILL BE DIFFICULTUES FOR NORMALIZATION, WE CAN WAIT."

6. DETAILS OF HO'S DISCUSSION OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND GROUP'S TALKS WITH PRC CULTURAL LEADERS REPORTED SEPTELS.
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